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Children Hospital, Kozhikode, as the doctor refused to admit the child on the previous day even though the child was seriously ill; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have made any enquiries in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government made enquiries into the allegation, at least after receipt of the question on the subject? The allegation is that the doctor refused to admit the child which was seriously ill in the Hospital for treatment on the previous evening and consequently as a result of not getting admission in the hospital and getting treatment the child unfortunately died the next morning.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: The Government have enquiried into the matter and have found that there is no basis for this allegation.

Illegal revenue collections at Attappady

* 2928 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representations from the Hill tribes of Attappady or the Adivasi Kisan Sangham, Attappady, regarding illegal revenue collections in the current fasli, in excess of the amount shown in the receipts given by the Attapady Adhikari; and

(*b*) if so, whether any enquiry was held and with what result?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) Some residents of Attapady amsom in Walluvanad taluk represented to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Malappuram, in February 1955 that the Adhikari of the amsom collected land revenue from them in excess of the amounts mentioned in the receipts given to them.

(*b*) An enquiry was held by the Tahsildar, Walluvanad; but the signatories to the petition, who could be contacted and who were examined, deposed that only the amounts noted in the receipts were actually paid by them.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Between the original petition which stated that more money had been collected and the subsequent recantation of that fact, may I know whether the Government tried to read between the lines that the Adikari must have won over the petitioners to protect himself?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: In this matter of reading between the lines, the hon. Member is an expert as a criminal lawyer.

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11-40 a.m. SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Sir, a petition by the Adivasis Kisan Sangham was also given to the Subdivisional Officer on the same lines as that of the residents of the area. Was the Secretary or any other Member of the Working Committee of that organization called?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. This Sangham gave a petition and also wanted that the enquiry should be made in the absence of the Adhikari. But, according to the Rules, only if the enquiry takes place in the presence of the Adhikari, action could be taken.

Eriyur Irrigation Scheme

* 2929 *Q.*—SRI N. PARAMASIVA UDAYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Eriyur irrigation scheme has been fully investigated;

(*b*) if so, when the scheme will be taken up for execution; and

(*c*) the extent of land that will be irrigated by the scheme?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The plans and estimate are under scrutiny by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation). The question of sanctioning the scheme will be taken up on receipt and examination of the plans and estimate by the Government.

(*c*) About 680 acres.

Scholarships to backward communities

* 2930 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether students belonging to Reddi (Ganjam) community were given residential and non-residential scholarships as backward communities during the academic years 1953–54 and 1954–55 in the present Madras State; and

(*b*) the names of the Districts of these students?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) Four students of Reddi (Ganjam) Community reading in the first year University course and one student in B.V.Sc. course, all belonging to Ramanathapuram district, were granted scholarships during 1954–55. Particulars relating to the years 1953–54 are not available.

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Sir, may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that Reddiars and Vellala